on road works cleared underthe Pradhan Mantri Gram SadakYojana (PMGSY) in the year 2000-01 commenced in 2001 -02 and work is still in progress.

(b) No, Sir. The PMGSY envisages connecting all Unconnected Habitations with a population of 250 persons or more in Hill States like Uttaranchal by the year 2007.

Roads under PMGSY in hilly areas of Uttaranchal

†2177. SHRIDARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that no special attention is being paid for the development of roads in hilly areas of Uttaranchal under the Pradhan Mantri Gram SadakYojana and due to which the people of far-flung villages are facing major problems;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the broadening and concretization work of Pauri-Satyakhal-Bara-Dehalchaouri-Srinagar is being undertaken for the last one year but no concrete progress has been made in this work and the entire road is still in bad shape; and

(c) whether Government propose to issue necessary instructions to complete the roads at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL): (a) The Pradhan Mantri Gram SadakYojana (PMGSY) gives special consideration to the Hill States and envisages connectivity to all Unconnected Habitations with a population of 250 persons or more by the year 2007, while in other states, the stipulated population size of Unconnected Habitations is 500 persons and above.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The State Government have reported that work is in progress on the broadening of a 5.5 km. length of the Pauri-Satyakhal-Bara-Dehalchaouri-Srinagar road (taken up in the first phase under the PMGSY). The road is not being made as a cement-concrete road.

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